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re application of:

WOOD *et al.*

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For: Doubled Stranded Conformational
Polymorphism Analysis

Examiner: C. Meyers, Ph.D.

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action of July 26, 2001. Enclosed herein is a petition for a three month extension of time and the required fee to extend the period for response up to and including Saturday, January 26, 2002; therefore, this Response is timely filed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-62394-2/RFT/TAL/SRN).

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of detecting the presence or absence of at least one mismatch between a nucleic acid probe and a nucleic acid target, wherein said probe and target have sequences which differ by not more than five mismatches, said probe